

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (GA-02) voted today in favor of H.R. 3548, the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act, which will provide up to 13 additional weeks of unemployment benefits to workers who are about to run out of benefits. This extension is targeted to those states with particularly high unemployment rates, where it is more difficult to find new jobs.

“This extension will ensure that those who are struggling to find work will be able to continue providing for their families – helping to pay for groceries, filling their cars with gas and making their mortgage payments on time,” Bishop said. “Additionally, extending these benefits is a cost-effective way to stimulate the economy as every \$1 spent on unemployment benefits generates \$1.63 in new economic demand.”

In the state of Georgia, the extension will apply to 13,844 unemployed workers whose benefits would otherwise run out by the end of September and 58,887 unemployed workers who will run out of benefits by the end of December.